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# Consumer Insights Discussion for FCC

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# Background

This presentation is in response to the request by FCC Staff to provide a better understanding of music consumers based on research commissioned by Warner Music Group

# Agenda

- Music Customer Segmentation
  - Seven consumer segments
  - Segment breakdown by age group
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  - Why consumers discontinue P2P use
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# Third party research commissioned by WMG indicates we can think about consumers in seven distinct segments

Segments	Traditional listeners			Digital collectors			Pirates
	Infrequent listeners	Radio-centric listeners	CD-centric listeners	Multi-platform casual fans	Mobile listeners	Multi-platform enthusiasts	Pirates
Description	Infrequent traditional listeners who tilt towards radio	Higher TSL listeners, though primarily passive and radio-centric	Higher control, CD-centric listeners	Casual fans who mix listening devices	On-the-go listeners who highly value control	Younger, trend-setting music-obsessed listeners	Avowed pirates who represent a cross section of all control behaviors
% population	28%	23%	6%	15%	5%	10%	13%
Primarily lean-back			Primarily lean-forward				

Source: WMG Consumer Research

# Segment profile: Infrequent listeners

## ***Infrequent traditional listeners who tilt towards radio***

### **Demographics:**

- Age: ~45 years old
- Gender: 43% male; 57% female

### **Experience**

- Lowest time spent listening group
- Very passive in their listening (listening to terrestrial radio ~60% of the time and CDs ~20% of the time)
- Least technologically-oriented segment ("I'm the last to know about new technology" or "technology confuses me")

### **Acquisition**

- Pay for most of their music acquisitions
- Lowest spending segment
- Feels satisfied with their collection (1K tracks)
- Ownership is least important to this segment

### **Discovery**

- Vast majority discover music primarily via traditional means (AM/FM radio, TV/movies and other traditional platforms)

# Segment profile: Radio-centric listeners

***Higher time  
spent listening  
listeners,  
though  
primarily  
passive and  
radio-centric***

## **Demographics:**

- Age: : ~45 years old
- Gender: 45 % male; 55% female

## **Experience**

- Above average time spent listening
- Most lean-back segment with ~75% of the time to terrestrial radio and ~10% of the time engaged with their CD collections
- Generally indifferent to technology ("technology is not important to me" or "it is not worth the time to learn how to use it")

## **Acquisition**

- Pay for a large share of music acquisitions
- Below average spend annually and collection size (~2K tracks)
- Ownership is only somewhat important

## **Discovery**

- Majority discover music primarily via traditional means, but ~10% frequently do so via social media sites

# Segment profile: CD-centric listeners

## *Higher control, CD- centric listeners*

### Demographics:

- Age: ~44 years old
- Gender: 40% male; 60% female

### Experience

- Average level of time spent listening but very highly engaged and lean forward
- Listen to CDs ~60% of the time and terrestrial radio ~20% of the time
- Satisfied with their technological engagement (“I am happy with the technology I know” and “technology is not important to me”)

### Acquisition

- Pay for a large share of music acquisitions
- Above average level of spend and average collection size (~2.5K tracks)
- Ownership is very important to this group

### Discovery

- Majority primarily discover via traditional means
- Packaging matters: find a meaningful amount of music via “interesting looking displays”

# Segment profile: Multi-platform casual fans

## *Casual fans who mix listening devices*

### **Demographics:**

- Age: ~39 years old
- Gender: 53% male; 47% female

### **Experience**

- Below average engagement
- Slightly lean-forward in their listening but choice of platforms largely driven by convenience
- Digitally-oriented with ~70% of time spent in digital formats, but across a highly fragmented list of platforms
- Like to be on the forefront of new technology

### **Acquisition**

- Proud of their music collections (~2.7K tracks)
- Pay for the majority of their music

### **Discovery**

- Though traditional platforms are important for discovery to most of this group, 1/3 of them frequently discover music via social media



# Segment profile: Mobile listeners

***On-the-go  
listeners  
who highly  
value  
control***

## **Demographics:**

- Age: ~33 years old
- Gender: 52% male; 48% female

## **Experience**

- Average level of listening, but highly lean-forward, and primarily via portable devices
- Most control-oriented segment
- Highest iTunes usage
- Value technology highly ("Technology makes my day-to-day life better")

## **Acquisition**

- Second highest spending segment, paying for 67% of music acquisitions
- Large collections with ~3.7K tracks

## **Discovery**

- Though traditional platforms are important for discovery to most of this group, 25% of this segment discover music frequently via social media

# Segment profile: Multi-platform enthusiasts

***Younger,  
trend-  
setting  
music-  
obsessed  
listeners***

## **Demographics:**

- Age: ~35 years old
- Gender: 60% male; 40% female

## **Experience**

- Most highly engaged segment (“I have to be the first to know about popular music”)
- Significant amount of lean-forward listening augmented by high-levels of lean-back listening to drive an insatiable need to discover music
- Highly digitally-oriented (>80% in digital format)

## **Acquisition**

- Proud of their music collections (~4K tracks) but continue to add to those collections at the highest rate among segments
- Acquires more music without payment than other predominantly paying segments

## **Discovery**

- Though traditional platforms are important for discovery to this group, 20% of them frequently discover music via social media

# Segment profile: Self-Proclaimed Pirates

***Non-  
purchasers  
who  
represent a  
cross section  
of all control  
behaviors***

## **Demographics:**

- Age: ~33 years old
- Gender: 59% male; 41% female

## **Experience**

- Represent a cross-section of experience/control behaviors, but most closely mimic digitals
- Average level of listening per week
- Decidedly lean-forward, primarily engaging in a variety of digital platforms
- Highly technologically-oriented group ("I am the first to know about new technology")

## **Acquisition**

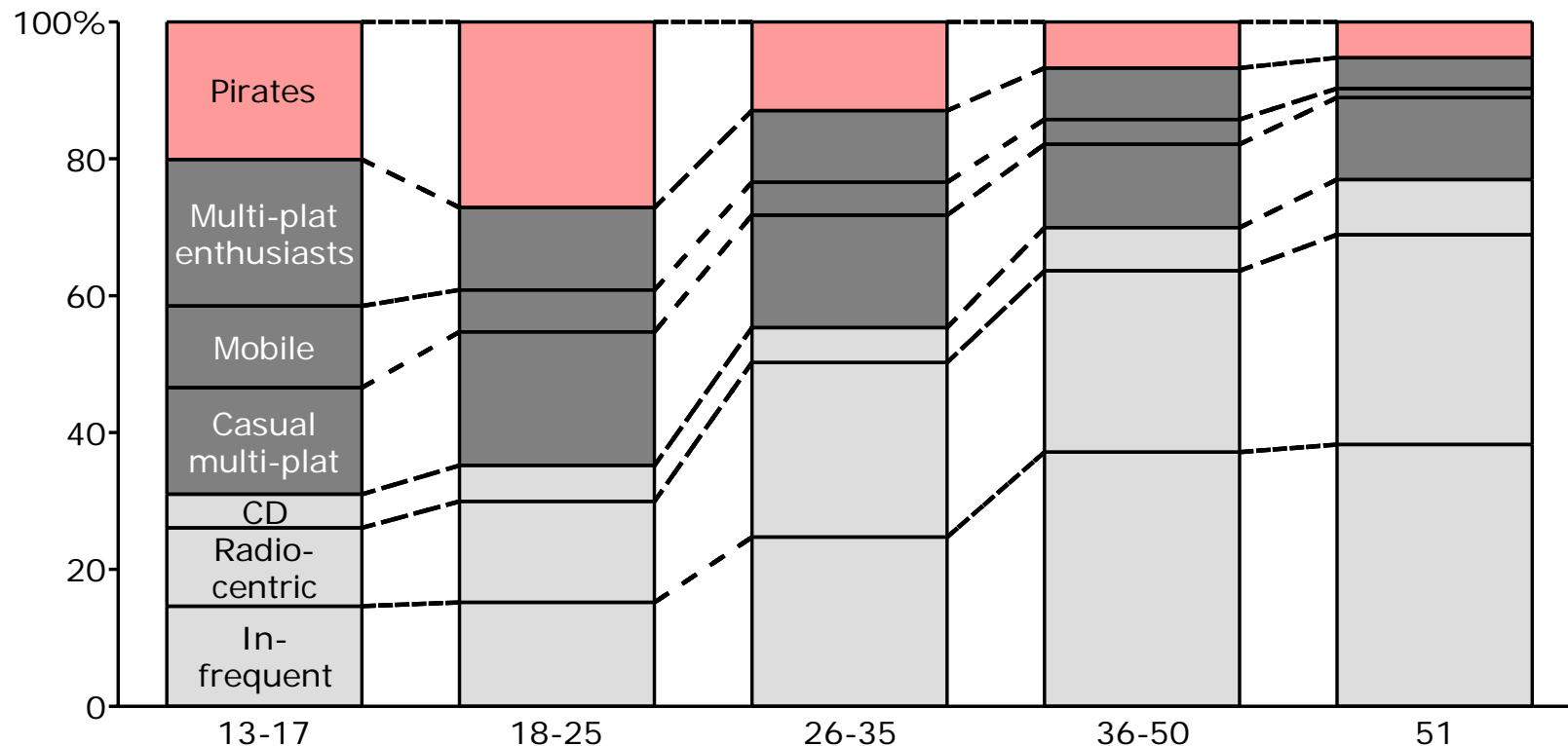
- Pay for a small portion of music acquisitions, but they still spend some money annually
- Relatively large collection (~3.1K tracks)

## **Discovery**

- Tend to drive high discovery for others ("others always want my advice on music")
- 30% of this segment frequently discover music via new media platforms

# Segmentation varies widely by age

Segment breakdown by age group



Core music consumers*	52%	41%	29%	22%	17%
% digital**	90%	87%	82%	71%	54%

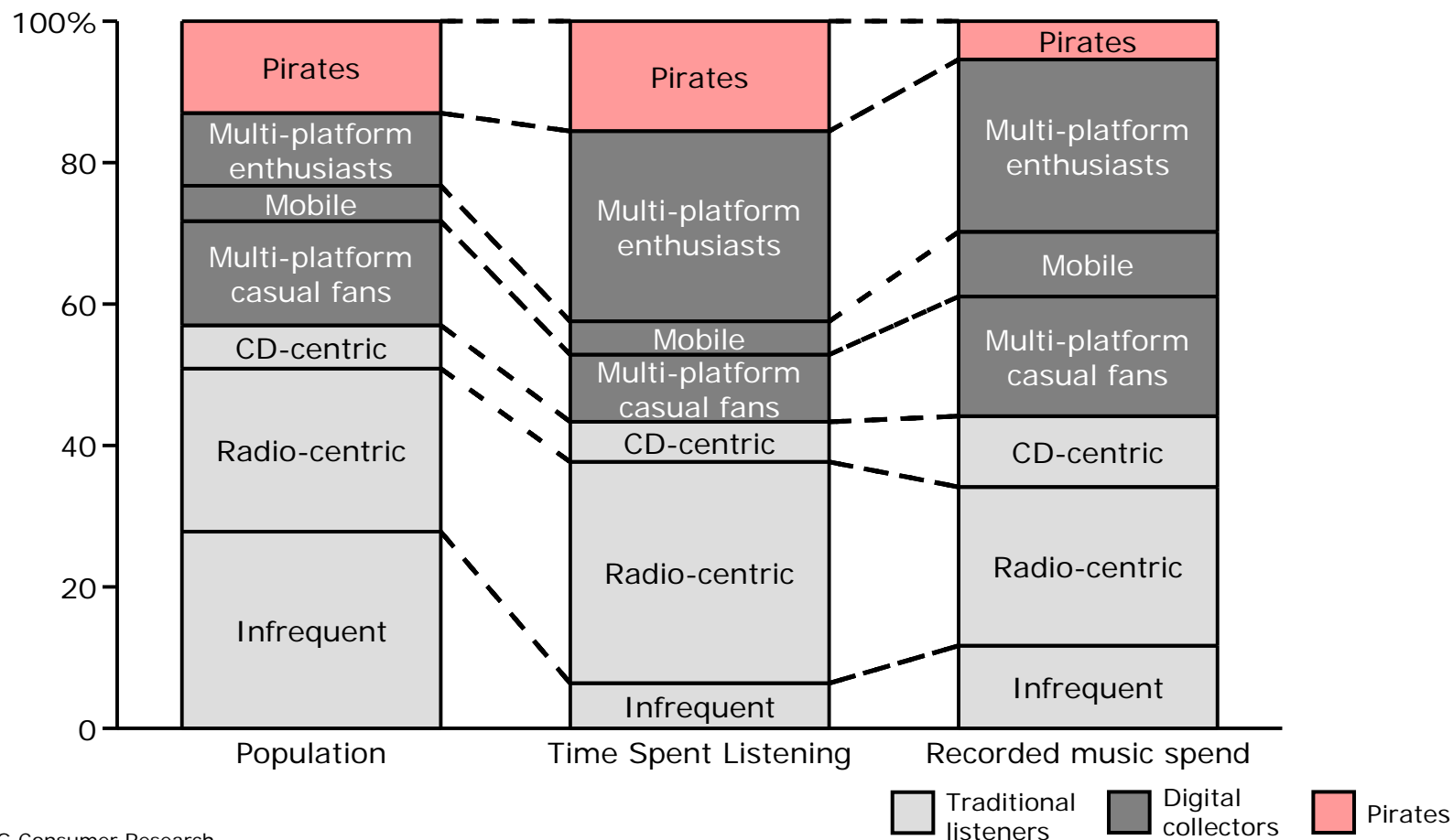
Source: WMG Consumer Research

\* Core Music Consumers: CD-centric, mobile, multi-platform enthusiasts, and 2/3 of self-proclaimed pirates

\*\* Share of core music consumers who are digital

# Time spent listening vs. Music spend by segment

Total population, time spent listening and annual spend by segment



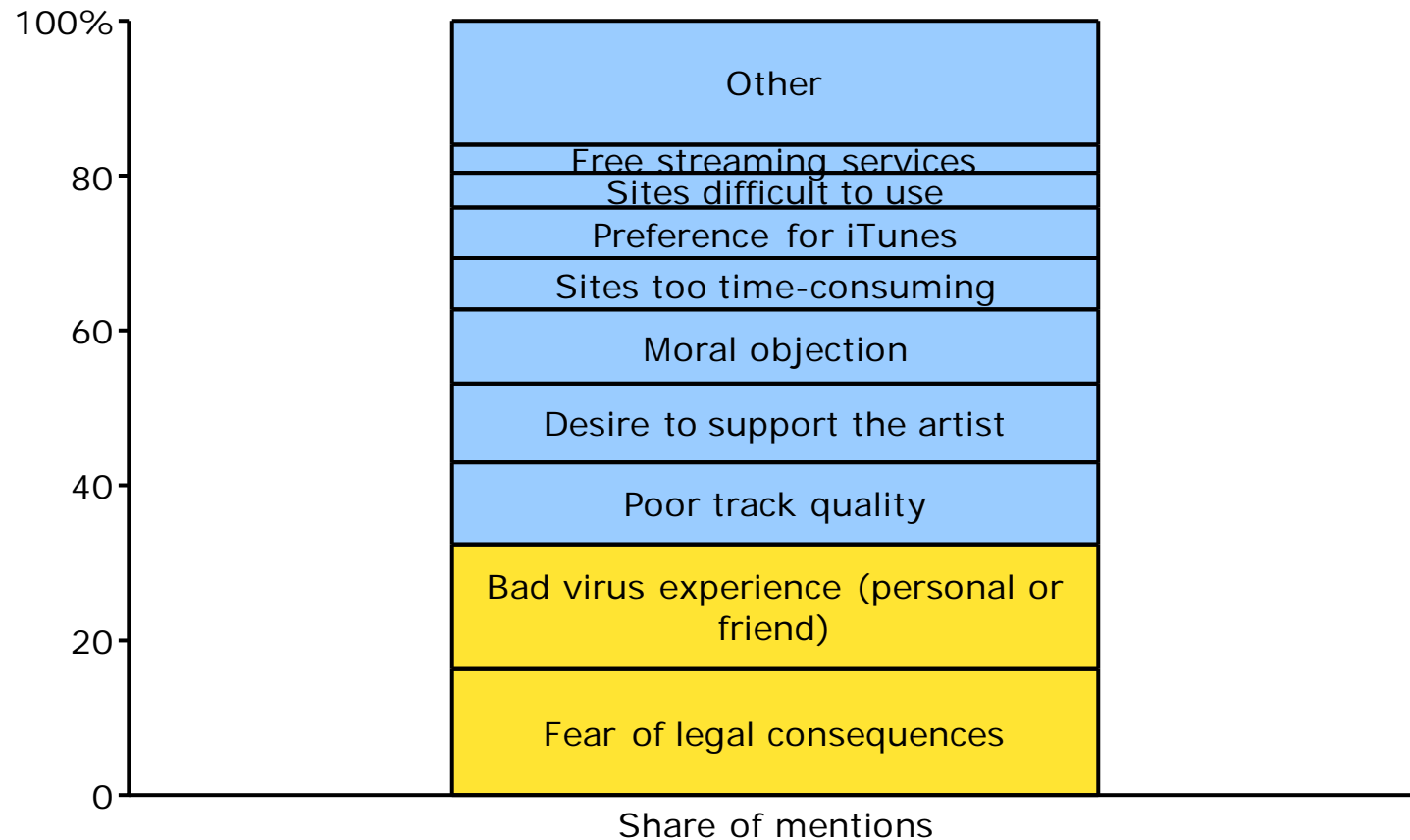
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# Fear of legal consequences and viruses top reasons for discontinued P2P use

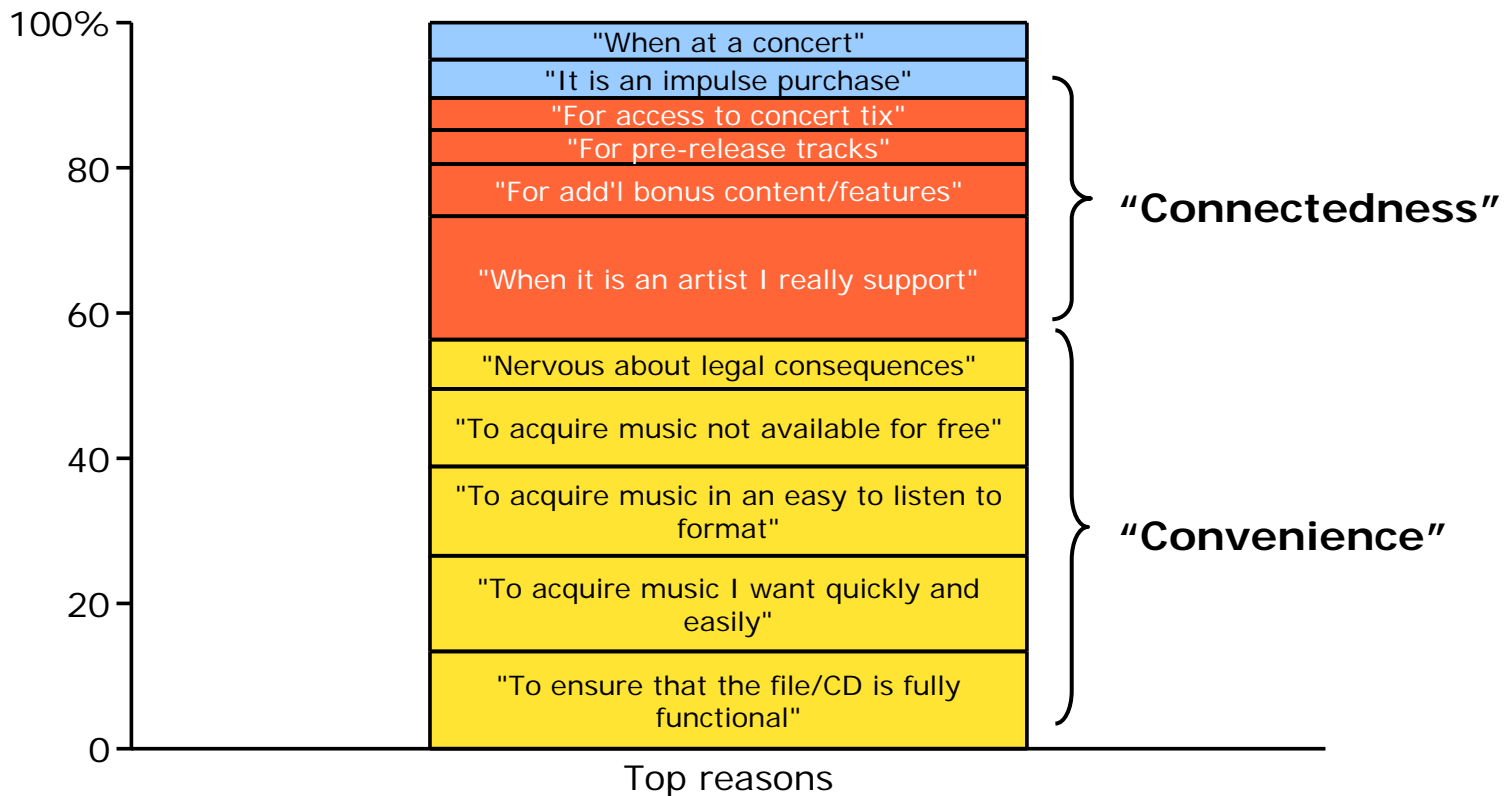
Top reasons for discontinuing P2P use



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# Why people pay to acquire music?

## ACQUISITION



Source: WMG Consumer Research



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
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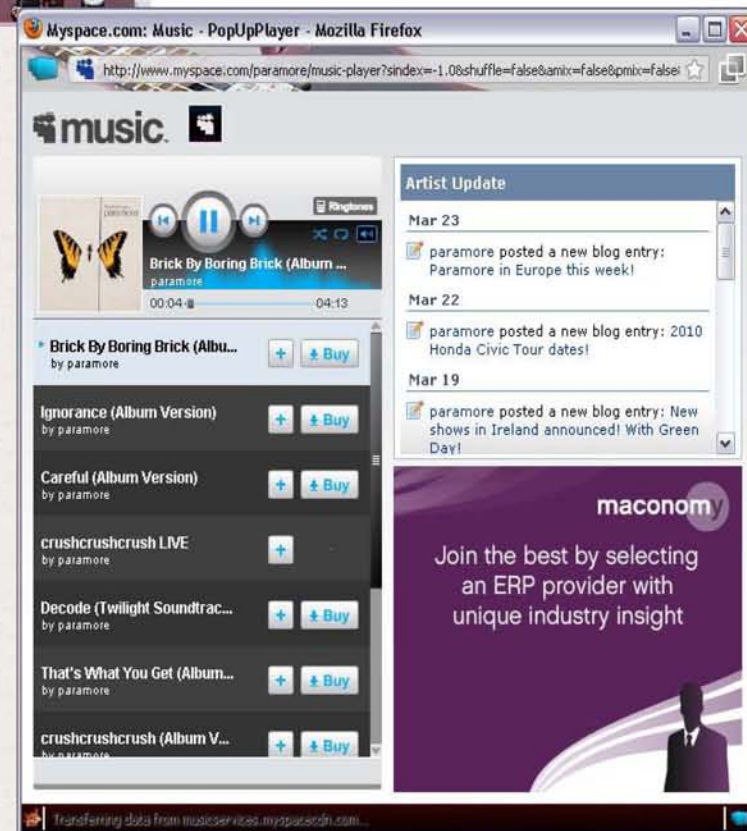
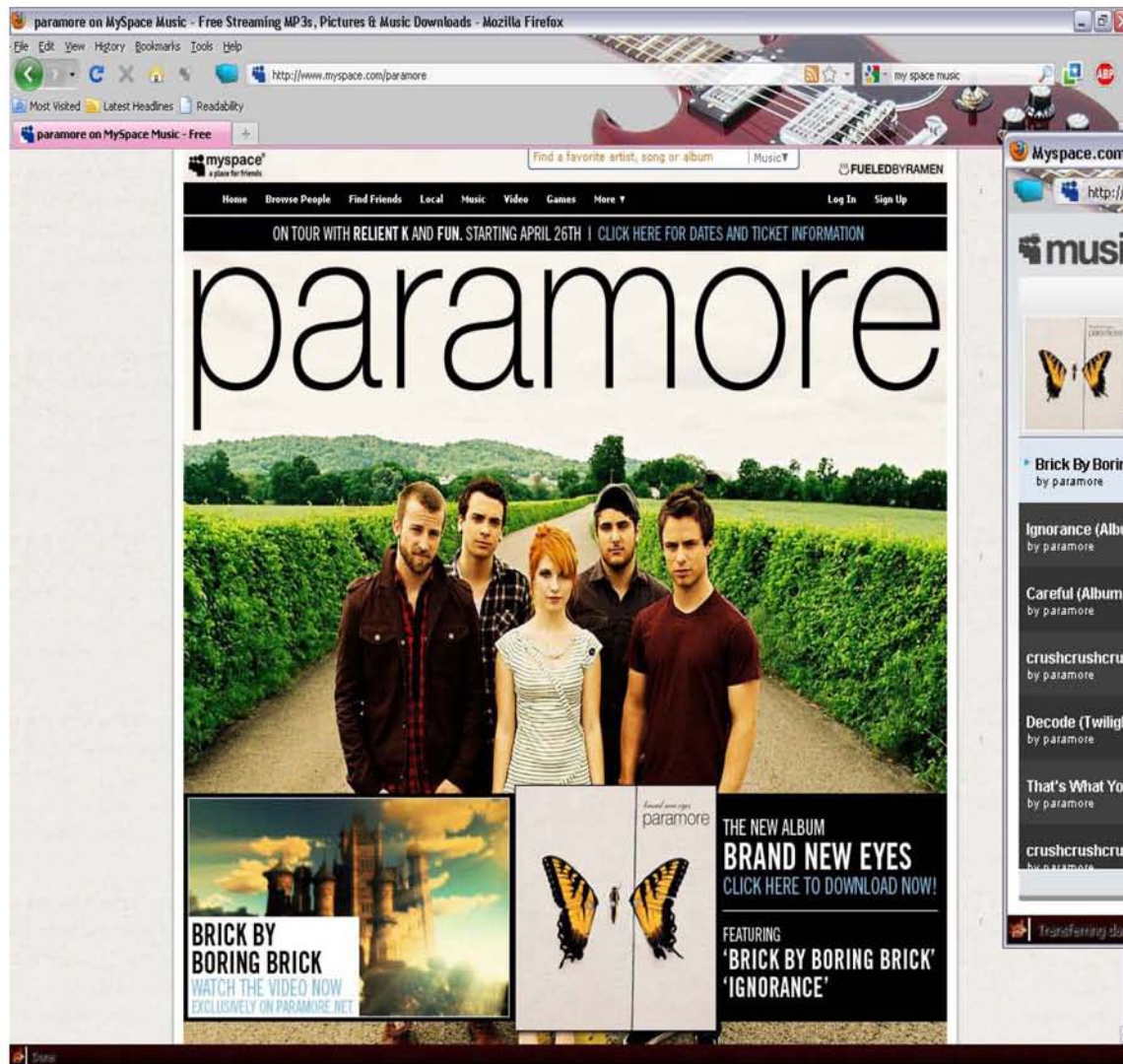
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# Connection: Direct to fan pre-sale

EXPERIENCE THE NEW ALBUM... BEFORE IT'S DONE

## MISSION: METALLICA

IF YOU ARE THE ULTIMATE METALLICA FAN, UPGRADE TO MISSION:METALLICA PLATINUM AND GET:

- The new album **FIRST** - delivered digitally (320 KB/S) at midnight on on street date
- FREE Shipping on all orders
- Downloads of at least 2 entire live shows
- Almost 2 hrs of additional exclusive fly on the wall footage
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US PURCHASE BELOW | OTHERS: SELECT COUNTRY

DIGITAL	CD	VINYL+LITHO	COFFIN BOX
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Digital <b>DEATH MAGNETIC FIRST</b> at 320 KB/S delivered at midnight on street date</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>DEATH MAGNETIC CD</b></li><li>With shipping included</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>5LP 180 box with five individual sleeves</li><li>MISSION:METALLICA Lithograph</li><li><b>DEATH MAGNETIC CD</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>DEATH MAGNETIC CD</b></li><li>CD with demos of the songs</li><li>DVD of even more "making of the album"</li><li>A flag</li><li>Guitar picks</li><li>Fold out poster</li><li>Collector's credit code to redeem a free download of a special European show happening in September</li><li>t-shirt</li></ul>
<b>\$24.99</b> BUY NOW INCLUDES MISSION:METALLICA PLATINUM	<b>\$32.99</b> BUY NOW INCLUDES MISSION:METALLICA PLATINUM	<b>\$124.99</b> BUY NOW INCLUDES MISSION:METALLICA PLATINUM	<b>\$174.99</b> BUY NOW INCLUDES MISSION:METALLICA PLATINUM
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All versions come with the Digital Album (320 KB/S) delivered at midnight and FREE shipping

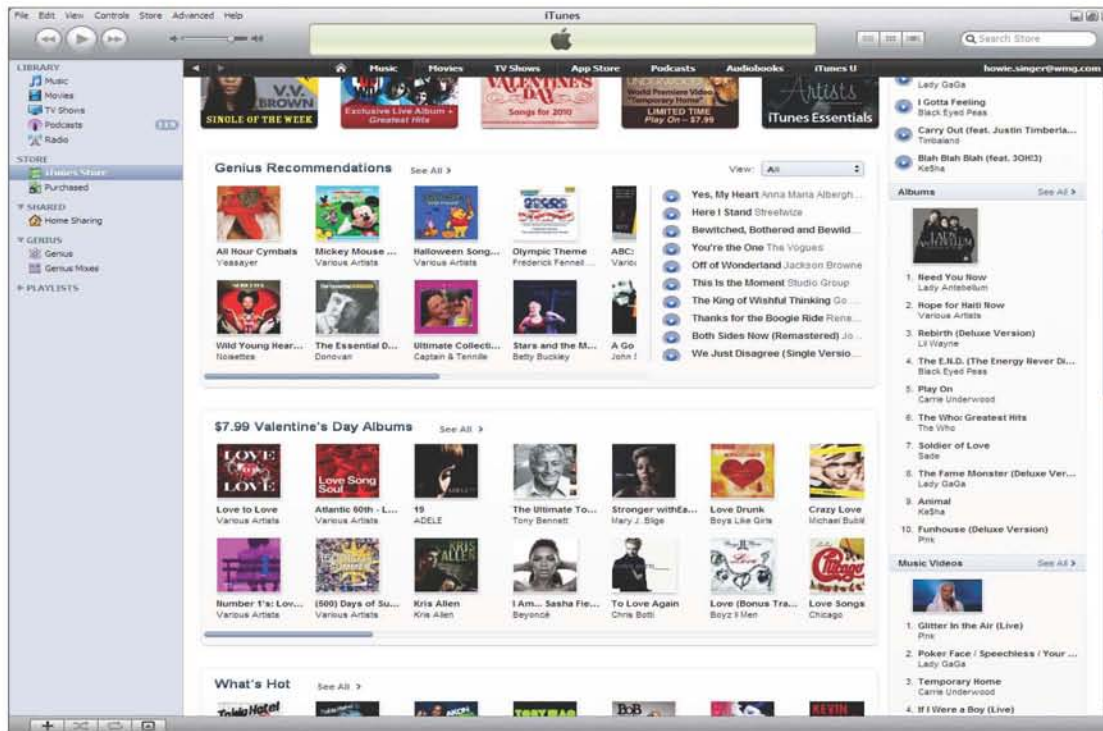
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## Pre-Order Configurations:

- **\$24.99: Digital Only**
- **\$32.99: Standard CD**
- **\$124.99: Vinyl + Litho**
- **\$179.99: Coffin Box**
- All versions included access to pre-order site, free shipping, and 320kbs digital delivery on night of release

## Pre-order site content:

- 350 minutes of exclusive video footage
- Free digital single downloads
- 10 preview riffs
- 1 free ringtone
- "Making of the record" footage
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# Connection: The Connected Media Experience

**Objective: To offer compelling experiences by developing a new open standard in digital media packaging**

Connected Media Experience...

- Is a digital package format and supporting back-end services
- Is a collection of files, such as MP3 audio files, JPG images, and more
- Can include online assets and updates that are available to registered users.
- Is intended for computers, phones, portable devices, set-top boxes, and more
- Can include User generated content and will work for indie labels and garage bands
- Is intended for all media types but will be implemented for music content initially
- Is an open standard: [www.connectedmediaexperience.org](http://www.connectedmediaexperience.org)

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# Final Thoughts & Discussion

- Understanding music consumers shows many consumers will buy music when
  - It is convenient
  - They are provided real value
  - The purchase fosters their connection to the artist
- But the unfettered availability of unauthorized services remains an impediment to the legitimate market